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AMENDMENT

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. 38. (Cancelled)
- 39. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving performance content over a network for generating a pseudo-live performance, the method comprising:

detecting a need for the performance content by determining whether stored performance content is out-of-date, wherein each performance content class is determined to be out-of-date differently;

selecting a process for obtaining the needed performance content;

executing the process for obtaining the needed performance content; and

generating the pseudo-live performance by mixing content corresponding to one or more portions of the needed performance content with other content, wherein, determining whether stored program content is out-of-date further comprises:

transmitting a query to determine a time of a latest update of the stored performance content;

receiving the time of latest update of the stored performance content in response to the transmitting of the query;

accessing a time-stamp of the stored performance content; and determining whether the time-stamp of the stored performance content matches the time of the latest update of the stored performance content.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, further comprising:

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accessing a profile, wherein the profile indicates one or more of:

a type of content desired by an end-user;

a schedule of an end-user; and

scheduled times at which content is transmitted by a performance transmitter.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, further comprising determining whether a

performance transmitter is of a type that is capable of receiving and responding to a content

request, wherein the determining further comprises one or more of:

transmitting a query signal to the performance transmitter;

passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and

accessing a profile.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, further comprising:

generating a content request; and

transmitting the request to a performance transmitter via the network.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the selecting a process comprises

determining an appropriate time to receive content from a performance transmitter.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein generating the pseudo-live

performance comprises:

retrieving the other content;

decoding one or more commands of the other content; and

performing one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

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45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, wherein the one or more commands includes one or more of programming commands that execute a software program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored content, and performance commands that reproduce stored content from one or more specified locations of a storage device.

46. (Currently Amended) A pseudo-live performance generator, comprising a controller that:

detects a need for performance content by determining that stored performance content is

out-of-date, wherein each performance content class is determined to be out-of-date differently;

selects a process for obtaining the needed performance content;

executes the process; and

generates the pseudo-live performance by mixing content corresponding to one or more portions of the needed performance content with other content, wherein

when the controller determines that stored performance content is out-of-date, actions of the controller comprise:

accessing a time of a latest update of the stored performance content,
accessing a time-stamp of the stored performance content, and
determining whether the time-stamp of the stored performance content matches the time
of a latest update of the stored performance content.

47. (Previously Presented) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 46, further comprising:

accessing a profile, wherein the profile indicates one or more of:

a type of content desired by an end-user;

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a schedule of an end-user; and

scheduled times at which content is transmitted by a performance transmitter.

48. (Previously Presented) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 46, wherein the

controller performs one or more of:

transmitting a query signal to a performance transmitter;

passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and

accessing a profile.

49. (Previously Presented) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 46, further

comprising:

a request generator that generates a content request, wherein the controller transmits the

request to a performance transmitter via the network.

50. (Previously Presented) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 46, wherein the

controller determines an appropriate time to receive content from a performance transmitter.

51. (Previously Presented) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 46, wherein the

controller:

retrieves the other content;

decodes one or more commands of the other content; and

performs one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

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52. (Previously Presented) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 51, wherein the one

or more commands includes one or more of programming commands that execute a software

program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored content, and

performance commands that reproduce stored content from one or more specified locations of a

storage device.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the performance content includes

multimedia performance content.

54. (Previously Presented) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 46, wherein the

performance content includes multimedia performance content.

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